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Applicants : Christen M. Anderson et al.  
Application No. : 09/960,612  
Filed : September 20, 2001  
For : INHIBITION OF MITOCHONDRIAL CALCIUM/SODIUM  
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Examiner : San Ming R. Hui  
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Date : January 2, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on July 2, 2002, please extend the period for response three months, to expire on January 2, 2003. Enclosed please find a petition for extension of time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 9 to read as follows:

A  
1. A method for treating diabetes mellitus, comprising:  
administering, to a subject having or suspected of being at risk for having diabetes mellitus, a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising an agent that selectively impairs a mitochondrial calcium/ sodium antiporter activity in an insulin secreting cell.